Exchange of maps between India and China

1010. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maps have been exchanged between India and China regarding the border;

(b) if so, the outcome, so far; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to take an holistic approach to end the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) India and China seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through peaceful consultations. The process of clarification of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has started within existing mechanisms. Maps of the LAC in the Middle Sector have been exchanged. Discussions have commenced on clarification of the LAC in the Western Sector of the India-China boundary.

(c) Government of India is committed to the development of friendly and good neighbourly relations with China on the basis of the principles of Panchsheel, mutual sensitivity of each other's concerns and equality. We are moving ahead on various areas of bilateral cooperation while sustaining a continuous dialogue to address our differences.

Child labour in Andhra Pradesh

1011. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per 1991 census Andhra Pradesh had the highest number of working children mostly in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the position in this regard in the latest census; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to identify and rehabilitate child labour in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) The State with the highest child labour population in the country is Andhra Pradesh, which as per 1991 census had 16.61 million working children. The figures of the 2001 census have not yet been published.